

ABSTRACT

A probucol or a probucol derivative can be efficiently converted to a monoester or
5 monoether of probucol by reacting the free hydroxyl-containing probucol or a derivative
thereof (by which is meant a probucol compound with at least one substituent that is
different from that on the parent probucol molecule but which maintains the two free
hydroxyl groups) with a Grignard reagent or a lithium reagent that produces a magnesium
bromide or lithium salt of probucol or the probucol derivative. The probucol compound
10 anion anion is then reacted with an ester or ether forming compound.